August is for Anniversaries.

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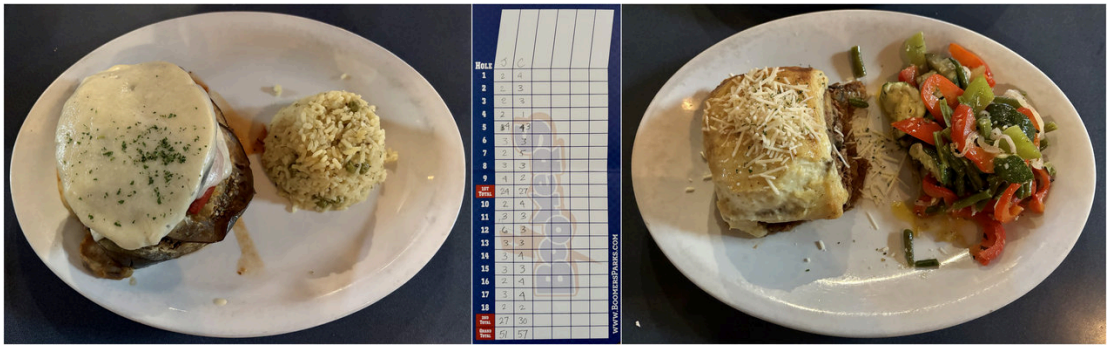
We've arrived at the middle of August, which seemingly came out of nowhere thanks in part to a recent work trip that consumed nearly a full week with little-to-no interruption. On the other side of it, my wife and I are celebrating our 7 year wedding anniversary today, with this past weekend filled with some preliminary celebrations in nearby Livermore. On Saturday, we began with a round of mini golf…



Following that, we enjoyed some relaxing outdoor seating at a new local brewery and then capped off the evening with some very filling Greek food. The following morning, I made us some banana waffles and a few veggie breakfast tacos and jackfruit sausages…

We'll continue our celebrations downtown this evening with some wine and pizza from a restaurant that recently won an award for having one of the best pizzas in the world. We'll now get to be the judge.

Moving on to the medals, here are some of the highlights for this upload:

GERMANY. Saxe-Römhild. Heinrich III silver Medal. Issued 1698 for his receiving the Danish Order of the Elephant and the title *Generalfeldzeugmeister* (general of the artillery) by Holy Roman Emperor Leopold the previous year. By Christian Wermuth. **PCGS AU Details–Scratch**.

GERMANY. Saxony. Ongoing Famine & Inflation white metal Medal. Issued 1772. By Johann Christian Reich.

GREAT BRITAIN. Jonah and the Whale silvered bronze Medal. Issued circa 1830. Medallic Illustrations of the Holy Scriptures series: Jonah deliver'd from the whale (73mm). By Sir Edward Thomasen in Birmingham.

UNITED STATES & GERMANY. Theodore Roosevelt uniface bronze Plaque. Issued circa 1912. Famous Men series. By Mayer & Wilhelm in Stuttgart.

GERMANY. Ulm. Fisherman's Tournament silver Medal. Issued 1912 to commemorate the completion of the new bridge at the Gänsturm. By Ferdinand Freiherr von Miller in Ulm. PCGS SP-65.

UNITED STATES & FRANCE. Sinking of the Lusitania Bronze Medal. Issued circa 1920. The Sinking of the RMS Lusitania. By René Baudichon in Paris.

FRANCE. Cinéma Art Deco bronze award Medal. Issued circa 1928 (68mm). By Maurice Delannoy at the Paris mint.

For all of this upload's new items, please click **here** or on the banner art below. We'll be back again on September 2nd, just after Labor Day, with another great mix of museum-quality art, historical, and contemporary medals.

We leave, however, with more sad news on the pet front. Since our last upload, he had to say goodbye to a dog that we had had for the past year-and-a-half. What began as a temporary foster situation in order to alleviate the overpopulation at the Oakland shelter turned into an adoption a few months later.

Much of Indira's past never really became known to us, including if that was her actually her name. She was missing her front right leg, though it never seemed to impede or inhibit her, and must have occurred some time ago. She was evidently found in a hoarder situation, and it's difficult to know what this, and possibly many other things, did her psyche. While she was inseparable from my wife and was very gentle with our cats (*in particular, she was very sweet and deferential toward the two senior cats, Angel and Verity, whom we lost earlier this year*), she slowly developed stronger and stronger behavioral issues toward me. We believe that it was some combination of territory and resource guarding, as it's quite likely that she had never had much to call home or her own. It could also be that she was associating me with situations in her past, and that triggered instant negative feelings. We had been attempting to rectify this behavior for a number of months when noticing that she was experiencing some digestive issues and changes. An ultrasound revealed a very difficult diagnosis, with the need for an invasive surgery (*assuming that it could be performed*) along with a lengthy recovery and the hope of no reoccurrence. Given the number of things that would have needed to go smoothly, along with her extreme fear of being at the vet during such recuperation and follow-ups, we came to the difficult decision to let her go peacefully at home her with us. We're glad that she had this further chance on life, as a number of factors likely would have prevented her from leaving the shelter in March of last year. She was certainly a very complicated dog, but whatever she dealt with earlier in life was alleviated in her time with us; we just wished that we could have solved even more for her.

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